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SUBJ: CIVAIR - PRESS COMMENT ON

1. WEEKLY AIR PRESS OF JAN. 10 CARRIES FOLLOWING LEAD ARTICLE ON INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION GASPARI:

A. "CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING AIR TRAFFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALY AND THE US WILL BE HELD IN SECOND DECADE JANUARY. AIR PRESS HAS BEEN SO INFORMED BY MINISTER TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION REMO GASPARI, WHO UNDERLINED DELICACY THIS PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH FINDS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION OF A TRAFFIC AGREEMENT WHICH CAN BE DEFINED AS AMONG MOST DIFFICULT IN ALL HISTORY OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION. REASON FOR THIS DELICACY, MINISTER GASPARI EXPLAINED TO AIR PRESS, LIES IN FACT THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND ITALY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDES IN TIME RENEWAL OF 80 OTHER AGREEMENTS WHICH THE US HAS WITH 80 COUNTRIES. IT FOLLOWS THAT CONCESSIONS MADE TO ITALY WILL HAVE - AND THIS IS PREOCCUPATION OF AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT - UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES ON ENTIRE FUTURE CIVIL AVIATION POLICY OF US. HOWEVER, US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN VOLPE HAS KEPT FAITH WITH PROMISES WHICH HE MADE IN ITALY LAST AUTUMN. I CAN CONCLUDE, GASPARI SAID, THAT, ALTHOUGH SLOWLY, WE ARE PROCEEDING TOWARDS AGREEMENT, THE FINAL SIGNATURE OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH. ONE CAN SAY THAT IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLY SOONER."

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